

September 2026
23rd Sunday of Year A
Canon Shaun Lennard

Working with Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing people of all ages, to facilitate and enable them to participate fully in the life of the Church, sharing their own gifts.



During September we often think about new beginnings, the changing seasons and enjoy the colours of nature. But recently, we have seen the impact of changing weather on the plants and flowers in our local parks and in the fields that grow our food. Many of us have been affected by the many heatwaves and felt the impact of water shortages and hosepipe bans on our daily lives. These changes really help us understand the suffering of people around the world.

We pray for the farmers that grow our food, for people that do not have access to clean water and for all people around the world affected by climate change. Amen



Deaf Community Mass in Westminster Cathedral Hall

Join us on Sunday 6th September 4.30pm
at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, Victoria SW1P 1QH

Please do not come to Mass if you are not well
with something that other people might catch e.g. flu, Covid, upset stomach



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS LAST MONTH

Collection £98.95

Mary's Meals £5.50

ADVP £3.29

Want to donate online? <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/deafservice/donate/>

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of the team

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**Mass in Word and Sign
at St Mary and St Michael, Commercial Road**

Sunday 13th September 10.30am
at 2 Lukin Street, Commercial Road E1 0AA

How to get there: The nearest bus stops are 15, 115 and 135
The nearest train and DLR stations are Shadwell



UPDATE – From Arundel and Brighton Deaf Service

From September 2026 the regular Signed Mass is moving
from Horsham to Crawley

Saturday 5th September 1pm
at St Bernadette's RC Church Tillgate Way, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 5BS
Mass will be followed by refreshments

For more information about this Mass please contact Maria and Peter Booker



Bible Study

Join us on
Tuesday 8th September 11.30-1pm

Vaughan House 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

Also available at 11.30am on Facebook and YouTube or SMS to ask for a printed copy

Join us as we discover more about the bible together



Spiritual Communion

A prayer written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century for times when we cannot receive
Holy Communion e.g. you are ill or watching Mass online

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

There are other online signed Masses that you can watch. Please check on each website for full details

- Fr Paul Fletcher SJ, Jesuit Oratory, Manchester 8am

Watch live on Zoom details: Meeting ID 976 2057 9331 Passcode CDA-1971

Watch any time after 10.30am <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp6JYxgJsWkiCQ2OdLzhg>

or follow the Catholic Deaf Association on Facebook

- Fr Patrick Devlin, Hannahstown Parish, Belfast (St Joseph's Church webcam) Sunday 11.30am

<https://www.parishofhannahstown.com/copy-of-mass-times>



Deaf Lunch Club

Tuesday 15th September

11am - 3.30pm in the Hinsley Room

If you want to join this group please come and chat to Shell



On the day: - Please SMS before 9am

Shell or Sarah to let us know that you are coming so we can cater for the right number of people

Please don't come if you feel unwell, have Covid or flu symptoms, or have an upset stomach



The Deaf Service in Westminster Diocese is celebrating it's 50th anniversary

Join Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday 26th September 2026

Signed Mass 2pm in Westminster Cathedral

Everyone is welcome to the Mass but you need a ticket for the reception afterwards.

Please let us know if you want to come to the reception so we can give you a ticket.

We don't want people to miss out on this special celebration.



Would you like to join the signing choir at the Mass?

Would you like to sign a reading? * In the Cathedral you must be able to walk up the 6 steps to the Sanctuary (please note: there is no hand rail) * If we have lots of readers names will be put in a hat

If you are interested or have any questions - please see Shell or Sarah



CDA AGM - Saturday 26th September 2026

10:30 -12:30p.m. in Westminster Cathedral Hall

Signs of Hope...



Deaf Counselling

Do you have a problem you would like to talk to someone about confidentially?

Do you need some support through a difficult time in your life?

Do you find it difficult to cope with life sometimes? Maybe counselling would help



Counselling is fully confidential, Deaf-Aware and available in BSL, SSE, Deafblind Manual Alphabet or Spoken English (mini-loop available).

Contact: Nikki Dhillon Keane [email: signsofhope@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:signsofhope@rcdow.org.uk) sms: 07936 939522

Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

Any counsellor working for Westminster diocese is fully qualified and either BACP accredited or eligible for BACP accreditation. All counsellors would follow the BACP Code of Ethic and Practice

Jesus said to his disciples,

"If your brother does something wrong to you, go and tell him in private. If he listens to you, you have saved your brother's soul. If he does not listen, bring one or two people with you - two or three witnesses will be able to tell what happened. If your brother refuses to listen to these people, report it to the community. If your brother refuses to listen to the community, then treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

I tell you the truth. Anything you agree on earth shall be agreed in heaven. Anything you prohibit on earth shall be prohibited in heaven.

I tell you again, if on earth two of you agree to ask anything and pray for it, my Father in heaven will give it to you. This is because if two or three people meet in my name, I will be there with them."

Hidden in the word search are words from the Gospel reading above including one extra word.

See if you can find them!

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COMMUNITY
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The hidden word in August BASKETS